

**FEBRUARY 3, 2020 – 9:00 AM
OHIO VALLEY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
LORI'S RESTAURANT, CALDWELL, OHIO**

Unemp. Rate	Dec-19
Monroe	8.9%
Morgan	7.7%
Noble	7.2%
Washington	5.4%
Ohio	4.2%

Handout #1

MINUTES

WDB Attendance:

Jeff Smith, Monroe County
Ann Block, Monroe County
Jeff White, Monroe County
Daryl Jones, Morgan County
Allen Fraley, Jr., Noble County
Jennifer White, Washington County
Sherri Becker, Washington County

Nathan Lord, Washington County
Jesse Roush, Area Wide
Troy Ferrell, Area Wide
Stephen Carson, Area Wide
Travis Stewart, Area Wide
Tony Huffman, Area Wide

Others in Attendance:

Rebecca Safko, Executive Director, OVER
Bill Long, Monroe CDJFS
Kimberly Foreman, Morgan CDJFS
Misty Wells, Noble CDJFS
Michelle Brown, Washington CDJFS

Michelle Hooper, Grants Assistant, OVER
Lisa Button, Account Executive, OWD/ODJFS
Sarah Tomé, OWD – Veterans Program
Josh Hilliard, OOD

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG led by Board Vice Chair, Ann Block

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – were presented and reviewed – **WDB Motion 18-19 to accept the October 28, 2019 minutes. Motion by: Jeff Smith, Second by: Stephen Carson; Motion passed.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nathan Lord, Business Manager, Shale Crescent USA (Washington)

WIOA AREA #15 ACTIVITIES

- Expenditures as of 12/31/19 were presented and discussed. The need to increase adult and dislocated worker outreach and expenditures was emphasized.
- One-Stop counts October-December 2019, prepared by OVER. Total visit were down 31%, this could be due to the cold weather and holidays.
- Area 15 Workforce Development Board recertification was approved through 1/16/2022.
- Incumbent Worker Projects were discussed. TechCred did not award a couple sent in for Solvay so Monroe agreed to continue with Solvay and do the paperwork. **WDB Motion 19-19 to approve \$9,057 in new projects. Motion by: Tony Huffman, Second by: Allen Fraley. Abstaining: Jesse Roush and Sherri Becker. Motion Passed.**

Introduction of those in attendance.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Upcoming workforce activities were presented:

- 2/4/2020 – AO Manufacturing Council dinner-speaker Lt. Gov Jon Husted, Marietta, Sherri discussed.
- 3/18/2020 – WDB Board Chairs meeting in Columbus
- 5/12/2020 – WIOA legislative day at Statehouse, if anyone is interested in attending tell Rebecca.

- Partner/County Updates
 - Program Operators visited Marietta JATC, Plumbers & Pipefitters and the EpiCenter during their last meeting
 - Bill – Monroe - they are doing portrait of a graduate in their schools, mentorship program

- with school district.
- Michelle – Washington – Career connect Job Fair to be held 3/19/2020 at Marietta College; they have been helping IBEW with applications (over 100; 70 in January); Daryl expressed his appreciation.
 - Misty – Noble – they have not yet received new computers, working on 3rd pre-apprenticeship class, waste water-water management apprenticeship to start; Leadership Noble for youth.
 - Tony (WCCC) CDL to start every Monday (new), Industrial Maintenance Grant (Student/Employers for Incumbent Worker); Regarding the session with Kmart and their closing-there were 5 or 6 showing interest in schooling, crowd was smaller than anticipated, employees were leaving before store closes, will try to get in there sooner.
 - Stephen – OWD – introduced Sarah Tomé, supervisor Veterans Program, OWD
 - Josh Hilliard – OOD – Governor has new budget/new initiatives. Higher Ed Initiative college to careers-embed higher ed services in 15 universities in 1st year. 2nd initiative jobs for recovery in development with Ohio Supreme court, identified drug court, embed voc rehab counselors, implemented in 6 drug courts so far (Scioto/Franklin). Looking at multiple rural counties to do a team. Application for OOD can be found at www.oodworks.com. Allen Fraley compliment OODs newsletter. Josh will send link to Rebecca to share.
 - Broadband Coverage reported Connected Nation (excerpt below)
- Opioid Committee Update –Chasity unable to attend to give update. BH-HVRDD subgrant signed and plan on hiring positions in February; CAP getting disaster participants ready for unsubsidized employment. Noble is having a difficult time getting EMT position approved; considering researching for possibility of a Drug Court. WIOA16 met with Flite, Rebecca and WCDJFS staff to offer to extend the WIOA 16 incarcerated programs to WIOA 15 residents that are incarcerated to help prepare them for gainful employment upon release. They will meet inmates exiting and provide our four county OMJ contacts. Flite accepted. He noted 254 Washington residents are incarcerated.
 - Apprenticeship – Fiscal Agent for Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector based Strategies – AOMC approached WIOA15 to consider being the fiscal agent. This RFP covers 26 counties in Appalachian Ohio, of which all 11 in our region are included. OVER received the required match letters from AOMC and WSCC. The counties are primarily the same as those OVER covered through the MIIA grant. Due to the near deadline and the fact that this county scope is far beyond just our 4 counties, the director had discussion with both the WDB and COG Chair prior to today’s meetings. Both were in favor of pursuing the opportunity based on subgranting the project management as needed based on OVER’s staffing size. COG discussion focused on the importance of manufacturing and the spotlight on apprenticeship as a training and employment model that allows the participant to earn while learning.
- WDB Motion 20-19 to submit RFP for fiduciary role of Scaling Apprenticeship grant.**
Motion by: Allen Fraley, Second by: Jeff Smith; Abstaining: Sherri Becker, Troy Ferrell, Tony Huffman and Daryl Jones. Motion passed.

Additional Apprenticeship opportunity. Julie Mettler, housed at Noble One-Stop, works with the State Apprenticeship program. Jesse is already a registered apprenticeship State sponsorship. Jesse says they are at capacity. To be a sponsor you essentially log in the training program - training school/program, take to Julie, monitor to make sure program is being followed and paid correctly.

WDB Motion 21-19 for the WDB to become a sponsorship of the State Apprenticeship. Motion by: Allen Fraley, Second by: Jesse Roush; Motion passed.

Discussed the Boards support of the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers’ Coalition (AOMC) as they move forward on the submittal for the sector partnership grant. **WDB Motion 22-19 to offer a letter of support to AOMC as they go forward on the submittal for the sector partnership grant. Motion**

by: Jesse Roush, Second by: Tony Huffman; Motion passed.

REQUEST FOR ALL INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON RFP TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES – Misty Wells, Michelle Brown, Kimberly Foreman, Bill Long, Tony Huffman and Jesse Roush exited the room.

- Youth and One-stop Operator RFP Committee Update -Chasity
 - Committee Chasity Schmelzenbach, Travis Stewart and Stephen Carson
 - Chair of committee to present recommendation at 5/4/20

WDB Motion 23-19 to issue the Youth RFP for ten youth service elements, transportation of participants and outreach to develop a bidders list. Motion by: Sherri Becker, Second by: Jeff White; Motion passed.

WDB Motion 24-19 to issue the One-Stop Operator RFP. Motion by: Allen Fraley, Second by: Jeff Smith; Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

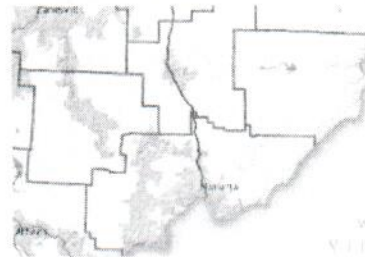
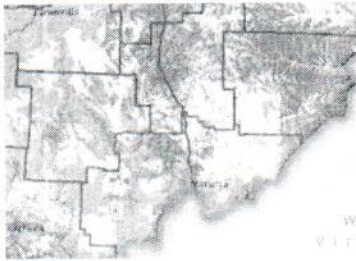
FUTURE MEETING DATES: Monday, 5/4/20, 8/3/20 and 11/2/20 at 9:00 am at Lori's Restaurant

Shared research below on the need and impact of broadband in relation to education and workforce discussed in the WIOA activities section.

Broadband: <https://connectednation.org/ohio/2019-state-maps/>

Lowest Coverage Chart (10Mbps/1)

Highest Coverage Chart (100Mbps/10)



ADJOURNMENT: WDB Motion 25-19 to adjourn. Motion by: Jeff White, Second by: Tony Huffman; Motion passed.

Approved By: Herman Gray
WDB Chair or Vice Chair

Date: Aug 18, 2020